

Project Description:

Berlin Then & Now: People, Places, and Experiences

- 4 weeks long
- Takes place in/around Berlin
- Class three times a week & excursions to sites/memorials/museums
- Learned about 4 eras of German History
 - 1) Imperial Germany (18th century)
 - 2) World War II & the Holocaust
 - 3) GDR and Communism
 - 4) Contemporary Berlin

What did I learn from my trip?

- How to navigate European public/international transportation systems
- How to adapt to new situations and problems
- How to speak basic German to communicate with locals
- Differences in culture between U.S. and Europe
- That it is good to step out of your comfort zone and participate in new experiences



What was transformational about my project?

- I was able to experience many different cultures in Europe
- I was able to be more confident in travelling alone or in an unfamiliar place
- I learned about global issues and events from the past and how they affect the present
- I was able to become friends with more people from OSU

Why did I choose this trip?

- I wanted to go to Europe
- I was able to satisfy a GE requirement
- When are you going to get the opportunity to travel outside of the country for a month?



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